Rss launches teacher development conference

ISLAMABAD — Roots National Institute of Teacher Training and Education in collaboration with Change - In Education launched Sixth Annual Teacher Development Conference on Thursday on the theme 'let's Collaborate for Opportunities in a Networked World to Nurture and Engage Student Communities & Teachers (CONNECT). The conference focused on connecting ourselves to the world of collaboration, innovation and communication to unleash the inherent potential and talent of each child and creating lifelong learners who will be the leaders of tomorrow, says a press release. All the teachers and organizers were fully charged, enthusiastic and highly motivated to take the learning initiative and training ahead. Over 500 teachers from all over Pakistan who participated showed keen interest, enthusiasm and dedication. This year's conference brought together leading national and international speakers like Abbas Hussain, Wali Zahid, Umar Jaliawala and Dr Javed Leghari who motivated and injected new ideas into the conference audience of delegates comprising RSS directors, Head Mistress', Branch Heads, Academic Coordinators and the Teaching faculty.

On the first day of the conference, while addressing the inaugural session, the Executive Director, Roots School System, the founder RNITTE and CEO Change- In Education said: "In support of our legendary history of teaching, learning and knowledge creation we have organized this conference to enlighten RSS audience on the teaching practices best suited in the current scenario. From the beginning, the vision of our teacher development conferences has been to bring teachers into direct contact with leading scholars, academia, educational thinkers, in a stimulating environment, surrounded by learning and academic resources. This conference will generate ideas on enabling children in coming to terms with globalization and at the same time retaining their cultural, social and moral values." He further added: "Years back we came up with the idea of holding TDCs annually to stimulate interactive learning among the teachers and to improve their abilities and skills and empower them to think both critically and creatively."

The Conference Trainer Abbas Hussain, Director Teacher's Development Center elaborated the importance of Beyond the Classroom learning and its significance in connecting students to the world of opportunities and expanding their external locus of control which they are to affect as a 21st century child. Elucidating his ideas, he coined the term "The new power house: Power of 5C's i.e. Connect, Collaborate, Communicate, Critical Thinking, and Creativity."

Wali Zahid, CEO & Founder Skill City Pakistan enlightened the conference delegates about the Strategies for developing students as Global Entrepreneurs and Schools as Global Enterprises where the education is about instilling innovation, creativity and risk taking.

Umair Jaliawala, Chief Turning Officer TORQUE, Pakistan, flared the entire perspective of teaching and learning through his unique and mesmerizing commentary on "Tales of Passion; tapping into passionate teachers and educators". His presentation stretched an awakening session that left the delegates with a new level of energy experiencing.

Javed R. Leghari investigated a new Challenge for Millennials that how technology can work as a common denominator to bridge teaching and learning divide.

In the end, the conference moderator, Mr. Abbas Hussain glossed the learning outcomes of the first days' training and gave his closing remarks.

This Teacher's Development Conference 2012 is all about providing teachers the opportunity to learn the art of inculcating the 4Cs and C.O.N.N.E.C.T. in their teaching practices and also equip the teachers with the tools to prepare students to be leaders and agents of change in a climate in which the voice of students is sought and honored.

Teacher's Development Conference promised to provide the teachers with a platform to express themselves not only as individuals but more importantly as the Pakistani nation and allow them to prove their mettle and it has once again fulfilled its promise.